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SUBJ: BOURGUIBA MEETING WITH PHILIPPINE INFORMATION

SECRETARY TATAD

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1. MARCH 30 PRESS REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA HAD RECEIVED PHILIPPINE INFORMATION SECRETARY FRANCISCO TATAD AND GOP AMBASSADOR PACIFICO CASTRO (RESIDENT IN ALGIERS). ACCOUNT OF MEETING IN GOT CONTROLLED PRESS SAID TATAD TOLD JOURNALISTS HE HAD GIVEN BOURGUIBA PRESIDENT MARCOS' GOOD WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF TUNISIA'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE, EXPRESSED PHILIPPINE PEOPLE'S ADMINRATION OF TUNISIA'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE LAST 20 YEARS, AND HOPED THAT DEEPER RELATIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN PHILIPPINES AND TUNISIA. PRESS GAVE NO GOT-AUTHORIZED ACCOUNT OF SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED IN MEETING. FOREIGN MINISTER HABIB CHATTI AND MINISTER-DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE CHEDLI KLIBI ALSO ATTENDED MEETING.

2. COMMENT: REGARDLESS OF WHAT BOURGUIBA MIGHT HAVE TOLD TATAD ON THE QUESTION "SOCIAL UNIFICATION" IN MINDANAO, GOT IS NOT LIKELY TAKE ANY STAND AT ISLAMIC SUMMIT MEETING THAT CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS ANTI-MOSLEM BUT WILL PROBABLY CAREFULLY GUAGE CLIMATE ON ISBUE AND STICK WITH THE CONSENSUS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. COVERAGE OF TATAD'S PARTICIPATION IN NON-ALIGNED SYMPOSIUM ON INFORMATION WAS LIMITED TO HIS CALL ON BOURGUIBA AND NO ACCOUNT OF HIS STATEMENTS TO SYMPOSIUM DELEGATES APPEARED IN TUNISIAN PRESS.
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